



## STRATHCONA NEWS

## STRATHCONA GETS A BIG PRICE FOR DEBENTURES.

The Offer of Over Par for the Outstanding Bonds Accepted Last Night by the City Council—Discount Gas Franchise Taken Up Considerable Time.

The artificial gas franchise question proved a big topic of discussion at the meeting of the city council last night, and over an hour was taken up in the hearings of propositions for the franchise by the International Lighting and Heating Company and the granting of a new franchise by the city council to a affiliate represented by W. W. Hutton who has been in Edmonton and Strathcona and who had eventually decided to hold an adjourned meeting on Thursday night to further discuss the matter.

A large amount of important business was transacted in the session, last night, the most important feature of the meeting was the accepting of the offer of 100% plus acceptance of the franchise by the city debentures from the Dominion Securities Company. This the biggest franchise in any city of the West this year and is highly gratifying to the mayor and aldermen of the city.

Major Duggan was in the chair and there was a full board present. In the meeting, however, for the first 15 minutes, delegations were heard.

## Wants an Extension.

Mr. George Grant, of the International Lighting and Heating Company, appeared before the council on behalf of the franchise in the time granted under the recent Springs & Henton franchise. He asked for a franchise and guaranteed to supply gas to Strathcona by early fall of next year. The company were particular about the amount of money, though the franchise was not an exclusive one. A similar franchise was granted to the International and Strathcona was given by Braden and, and Strathcona was given by Braden, and now all the contracts were let to the International and the city, Edmonton and Strathcona will be treated with the same consideration.

Alderman Tipton approved of the extension of the franchise to the company, and the franchise had been past year and companies were at a dead-  
viation.

## The Bridge Read Dangerous.

Alderman Cameron, called the engineer if the city would be liable if some one's horse took fright from the crossing and fell into the water on the road up from the bridge.

The city solicitor said that very likely the engineer.

Alderman Richards moved that a fence be placed along this embankment.

Eventually the city engineer and public works committee were in-  
vited to put the road in proper condition.

Alderman Elliott, of the public works committee, reported that the crossing was filled in with gravel at the present time. This gravel could be charged up to the railway, who were laying their tracks.

Another Committee in Field.

Mr. Hutton, representing a number of eastern capitals, said that it was his opinion that his company could not be held responsible under the franchise just passing.

He asked that the council detect action till his report was made available to the public.

Alderman Elliott pointed out that the franchise was not an exclusive one, but Mr. Hutton said their main franchise was probably not an exclusive one.

Cunes A. Grant, solicitor, spoke on behalf of the International Lighting and Heating Company, contending that some of Mr. Hutton's statements were not correct and had said to the Edmonton council the previous evening.

Mr. Hutton said he was probably present to ask that his company be given an equal share with the other companies in the franchise which he had submitted to the Edmonton council the previous night.

Mr. Hutton.

After some further discussion, it was voted that Messrs. Harper and Grant and the City Solicitor, who reiterated his opinion that an extension would be granted, be present when the matter was laid over till next regular meeting, in order that the City Solicitor might be present at the special meeting and report at the special meeting on Thursday night.

The city solicitor said that a guarantee was put up by any company in future and both representatives of the franchise were present.

R. W. Leutrum appeared with reference to a tax notice, was advised to pay the amount in full instead of 60% a year. The matter was referred to the city assessor.

## The Council Nine.

It was nine minutes when the council got down to the first regular business of the evening, reading of communications.

George J. Kinnane, of Edmonton, who had been offering his services as a consulting accountant in connection with civic work. The letter of the day.

Hinkins & James wrote offering to make all new plans for the new hospital for \$400 per plan. The fees present had been accepted. This letter was laid over for a week in order to allow the liability to be ascertained.

Charles E. Cameron, of the firm of Cameron & Son, wrote asking for a copy of the by-law of storage of gasoline, etc., in order that they might get the best price. The letter was referred to the secretary-treasurer for reply.

J. A. Abramson, mayor of Carman, Manitoba, wrote stating that he could give no particulars of the late Chief of Police, who was killed in a car. He was born in Australia and came to the west from South Africa. The letter was filed.

A. W. Ormsby, city electrician, followed, writing asking a lower rate for the purchase of electric power from Strathcona, as the present rate of 100% of the cost of generation indicated that power was being sold by the City of Edmonton to their customers at a higher rate than Strathcona was getting than they were buying from Strathcona at the power house. The city was now supplying power for Edmonton's street lights, and it was to be expected that the city will take over, despite the completion of the new gas plant. The letter was referred to the city engineer.

The city auditor reported upon the financial accounts, which were ordered to be paid.

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## WITH THE FARMERS

## FARM NOTES.

The Union stock yards, Toronto, were recently sold to an eastern buyer, and the new owner is not yet in the city, but who is believed to be one of the large American packers, runs up to the same name of Swift & Co.

The New Brunswick government has condemned Peterborough a great east harsman of St. John, to attend a great sale of thoroughbreds at Lexington, N. Y., on Nov. 22, and to go to purchasing twenty or more brood mares and half a dozen stallions which will be sold at the same time and place. It is reported that many of the big breeding establishments in the province are in the same position of business on account of the recent enacting laws and it is felt that now a great many will be forced to sell at reasonable prices.

Mr. Harry McEachern, who for the past two years has been representative of the Dominion teaming to accept a position with Garson, the well known English seedsmen, who are reported to be in business in Canada, will be engaged in Saskatchewan by Mr. F. H. Reed, Lindsay, Ontario.

**MINNEAPOLIS STOCK SHOW.** Minneapolis, Nov. 17.—The annual national stock show of the North-West Live Stock Association opened in this city on Saturday as a 90-day exhibition. The attendance was good and was fully justified by the character of the exhibits.

The exhibits represented five states within the show, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana and Wisconsin.

The Minnesota exhibition, notably, was well represented, and the opening program was the judging by the president of the Minnesota and North Dakota Agricultural Societies.

The two agricultural societies exhibited in the same building.

Entomological exhibits were also

extended into the afternoon program and there were several hours of cattle judging by the Minnesota Agricultural Society, and A. C. Bimle, Alta, Iowa.

**CANADA ERECTS EMBARGO.**

Chicago, Nov. 17.—The government has altered its policy on the importation of cattle by enacting a new law.

The new law makes it impossible for the Canadian government to import cattle on account of the outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease in that state.

The order will affect all cattle imported.

Under the new law, a considerable quantity of cattle will be brought into Canada from Pennsylvania.

**CHICAGO GRAIN MARKETS.**

Chicago, Nov. 17.—The receipts from the grain markets in the city before the opening of the winter wheat crop, which is now in full swing, were good, and were easily justified by the character of the exhibits.

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